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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 11:27 AM
To:
Subject: RE: [Feedback from: South Carolina Public Service Commission]

Dear Mr. David K Burden,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
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 Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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From: PSC_Contact
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 10:49 AM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: [Feedback from: South Carolina Public Service Commission]

Name: David Burden

Message: I'm writing you regarding the recent announcement that Duke Energy is seeking to raise the basic service charge for its customers.

I have lived in several states and a few countries and my energy bills in South Carolina are already the highest I've ever paid, even though I use less energy here than in other places.

Raising the basic service charge unfairly targets households like mine where we actively try to conserve energy and are looking to invest in upgrades to insulation and new energy-efficient appliances. Raising the basic service charge will also result in less retail spending on major appliances and home improvement projects.

Instead, I'm writing to propose that you propose legislation capping the basic service charge. If a utility can prove the need for more revenue, let it place the entire increase in the consumption charge. As an advocate of economic choice, I'm sure that you'll see that this allows the consumer to choose to spend more on consumption or to make choices to adjust the climate control or purchase more insulation.

The proposal to raise the basic service charge is an example of the worst type of monopolistic practice. Even if consumers choose to conserve, they will be forced to pay for energy that they do not use.

Allowing Duke to raise the basic service charge, is bad for consumers, bad for our economy and bad for our environment.

Given recent events with other utilities, the time has come for members of the South Carolina Public Service Commission to show that they are clearly on the side of the consumer and not the utilities.

Thank you for your time,

David K. Burden,
Anderson, SC